

## **EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY**

in

*Certain Carbon Steel Products From Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, and United Kingdom*, Inv. Nos. AA1921-197 (Review); 701-TA-231, 319-320, 322, 325-328, 340, 342, and 348-350 (Review); and 731-TA-573-576, 578, 582-587, 604, 607-608, 612, and 614-618 (Review)

On December 3, 1999, the Commission determined that it should proceed to full reviews in the subject five-year reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(3)(B).

*Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate from Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Finland, Germany, Mexico, Poland, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, and United Kingdom*, Inv. Nos. AA1921-197, 701-TA-320, 322, 325-328 and 731-TA-573-576, 578, 582-587 (Review)

The Commission received a joint response, with company-specific information, from Bethlehem Steel Corporation; Gulf States; National Steel Corporation; U.S. Denro Steels, Inc.; and U.S. Steel Group, a unit of USX Corporation, all domestic producers. The Commission determined that the company-specific responses were individually adequate. The Commission determined that the joint response was an adequate domestic interested party group response because the domestic producers account for a significant share of domestic production of the like product.

The Commission received joint responses, with company-specific information, from the following respondent interested parties: Usinas Siderurgicas de Minas Gerais and Companhia Siderurgica Paulista, Brazilian producers; AG der Dillinger Huttenwerke, Salzgitter AG Stahl und Technologie, Stahlwerke Bremen GmbH, and Thyssen Krupp Stahl AG, German producers; and British Steel Limited, a United Kingdom producer, and British Steel, Inc., a U.S. importer of subject merchandise from the United Kingdom. The Commission in addition received individual responses from the following respondent interested parties: the Government of Belgium; Duferco Clabecq, S.A., a Belgian producer; Fabrique de Fer de Charleroi SA, a Belgian producer; Stelco Inc., a Canadian producer and U.S. importer; Rautaruukki Oy, a Finnish producer; Altos Hornos de Mexico, S.A. de C.V., a Mexican producer; Sidex S.A., a Romanian producer; and Aceralia Productos Largos S.A., a Spanish producer. The Commission determined that all of those responses were individually adequate. The Commission did not receive responses from any respondent interested parties with respect to the findings or orders on carbon steel plate from Poland, Sweden, or Taiwan.

The Commission determined that the responses from Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Finland, Germany, Mexico, Romania, Spain, and the United Kingdom were adequate respondent interested party group responses because the respondent producers account for most or all of the production of the subject merchandise in their respective countries. The Commission determined that the respondent interested party group responses from Poland, Sweden, and Taiwan were inadequate.

The Commission determined to conduct full reviews for all findings and orders, based on the responses from domestic interested parties and respondent interested parties in all reviews except those concerning imports from Poland, Sweden, and Taiwan. The Commission determined to conduct full reviews concerning imports from Poland, Sweden, and Taiwan for reasons of administrative efficiency.

*Cold-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products from Germany, Korea, Netherlands, and Sweden, Inv. Nos. 701-TA-231, 340, 342 and 731-TA-604, 607-608 (Review)*

The Commission received a joint response, with company-specific information, from Bethlehem Steel Corporation; Ispat Inland, Inc.; LTV Steel Company, Inc.; National Steel Corporation; and U.S. Steel Group, a unit of USX Corporation, all domestic producers. The Commission determined that the company-specific responses were individually adequate. The Commission determined that the joint response was an adequate domestic interested party group response because the domestic producers account for a significant share of domestic production of the like product.

The Commission received a joint response, with company-specific information, from the following respondent interested parties: Thyssen Krupp Stahl AG, Stahlwerke Bremen Group GmbH, EKO Stahl GmbH, and Salzgitter AG, all German producers; Pohang Iron & Steel Co., Ltd. (POSCO), Union Steel Manufacturing Co., Dongbu Steel Co., Ltd., and Hyundai Pipe Co., Ltd, all Korean producers; and Hoogovens Staal BV and Hoogovens Steel USA, a producer and importer, respectively, of subject merchandise produced in the Netherlands. A response was also received from Kern-Liebers, an importer of subject German merchandise. The Commission determined that all of those responses were individually adequate. The Commission did not receive a response from any respondent interested party with respect to the order on cold-rolled carbon steel flat products from Sweden.

The Commission determined that the responses from Germany, Korea, and the Netherlands were adequate respondent interested party group responses because the respondent producers account for most or all of domestic production in their respective countries. The Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response from Sweden was inadequate.

The Commission determined to conduct full reviews for all orders, based on the responses from domestic interested parties and respondent interested parties in all reviews except the order concerning imports from Sweden. The Commission determined to conduct a full review concerning imports from Sweden for reasons of administrative efficiency.

*Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products from Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, and Korea, Inv. Nos. 701-TA-348-350 and 731-TA-612, 614-618 (Review)*

The Commission received a joint response, with company-specific information, from Bethlehem Steel Corporation; LTV Steel Company, Inc.; National Steel Corporation; U.S. Denro Steels, Inc.; AK Steel Corporation; and U.S. Steel Group, a unit of USX Corporation, all domestic producers. The Commission determined that the company-specific responses were individually adequate. The Commission determined that the joint response was an adequate domestic interested party group response because the domestic producers account for a significant share of domestic production of the like product.

The Commission received joint responses, with company-specific information, from the following respondent interested parties: Francosteel Corporation, a French importer, and Usinor, Sollac S.A., a French producer; Thyssen Krupp Stahl AG, Stahlwerke Bremen Group GmbH, EKO Stahl GmbH, and Salzgitter AG, all German producers; Kawasaki Steel Corporation, Kobe Steel, Ltd., Nippon Steel Corp., Nisshin Steel Co. Ltd., NKK Corporation, and Sumitomo Metal Industries, Ltd., all Japanese producers; and Pohang Iron and Steel Co., Ltd., Pohang Coated Steel Co., Ltd., Union Steel Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Dongbu Steel Co., Ltd., and Hyundai Pipe Co., Ltd, all Korean producers. The Commission in addition

received individual responses from the following respondent interested parties: Stelco Inc., a Canadian producer and U.S. importer; Continuous Color Coat, a Canadian producer; Dofasco, Inc., a Canadian producer; and Sorevco, Inc., a Canadian producer. The Commission determined that all of those responses were individually adequate. The Commission did not receive responses from any respondent interested parties with respect to the order on corrosion-resistant steel from Australia.

The Commission determined to conduct full reviews for all orders, based on the responses from domestic interested parties and respondent interested parties in all reviews except the order concerning imports from Australia. The Commission determined to conduct a full review concerning imports from Australia for reasons of administrative efficiency.